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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Construction Schedule – Downtown/ Route 72/ Mem Blvd Projects

Several projects within the City's downtown/ Route 72 corridor are scheduled to commence in the next few years. In order to coordinate activity and mitigate traffic disturbances and impact to commuters and residents the DPW sponsored a meeting with representatives of the Board of Education, Park Department, Police Department, NVCOG along with DPW's bridge consultants for the East St, Mellen St, and Down St, GM2 and WMC the consultant for Memorial Blvd Bridge.

One of the key coordination components is scheduling the bridge work at East St, Mellen St, Memorial Blvd. and Downs St with the construction/ opening of Memorial Blvd School and Memorial Blvd. 100 year anniversary event tentatively scheduled for October of 2021.

A summary of the projects discussed and their tentative construction schedule is provided below.

- a. Memorial Blvd. School – Phase I construction (interior work only) scheduled to start May, 2020 within September 2020. Phase II construction (including site work) scheduled to start September 2020 with completion in August 2022. Based on schedule below Memorial Blvd. Bridge construction will be complete prior to the opening of the school. The Mellen St Bridge rehabilitation will be finishing up construction and East St bridge replacement will occur the first year of school operation. Traffic on Memorial Blvd. will be maintained during the construction at both the East St and Mellen St Bridges, however the Memorial Blvd. west bound two way traffic will be reduced to one lane in the area of bridge construction.
- b. Memorial Blvd. Bridge Rehabilitation – Construction is scheduled to start spring 2021 with completion in fall of 2021. DPW and its bridge consultant will keep the Park Department apprised of the schedule and will investigate incorporating a Memorial Blvd. 100 year anniversary feature into the bridge.

- c. Mellen St Bridge Rehabilitation – DOT construction schedule indicates start date of spring of 2023, however it appears the schedule can be moved forward to spring 2022 with completion in the fall 2022. Accelerating the schedule will allow the bridge to be substantially completed shortly after the Memorial Blvd. school construction scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2022. As indicated above traffic on Memorial Blvd. will be maintained during the construction of the Mellen Street Bridge.
- d. East St Bridge Replacement – The engineering design of the bridge will be complete in the spring of 2022. However, in order to prevent simultaneous road closures of both East St and Mellen St the construction of East St will be delayed to start in the spring of 2023 with substantial completion in the fall of 2023.
- e. Down Street Bridge Rehabilitation – Design is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2021, however in order to prevent the simultaneous closure of Down St and Memorial Blvd and to prevent overlapping of construction projects, the construction of Down St Bridge will be delayed to Spring of 2022 with scheduled completion in the fall of 2022. Based on discussion with NVGOC, administrators of the DOT LotCip funding is anticipated to be in place to complete the project in accordance with the referenced schedule.
- f. Memorial Blvd Paving – The milling and paving of Memorial Blvd is currently on hold and is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2023. DPW will confirm action with the Park Department and notify the Comptroller's office to either hold existing funding to 2023 or rescind the existing appropriation with the intent to request funding in FY 2022-23 for paving in the spring of 2023.
- g. DPW Riverside Ave Streetscape Improvement – Laverio Construction is scheduled to start spring of 2020 with completion in the fall of 2020.
- h. Telecommunication Conduit Installation (Riverside Ave & North Main St) – Installation of communication conduit scheduled to be completed spring of 2020.
- i. Eversource Gas Main Upgrade Riverside Ave – Scheduled to be completed the spring of 2021 prior to DOT paving of Main St/ Riverside Ave & School St,
- j. DOT Paving of Main St and portions of Riverside Ave & School St – is scheduled to be completed the summer / fall of 2021.
- k. City Paving – Main St (Memorial Blvd to South St): Scheduled for spring 2021 or fall 2021 if DOT completes paving of Route 72 portion of Main Street.
- l. DOT Route 72/69 Intersection Realignment – Construction scheduled to start spring 2022 with completion in 2024.
- m. Downtown Community Conductivity Grant – Construction of handicap ramps in the downtown area scheduled to start late spring 2021 with completion in the fall of 2021.
- n. North Main St Streetscape (Center St south to City Hall) – Request for funding pending. If approved scheduled for construction July 2022 – November 2022.
- o. Riverside Ave Corridor Improvements (Main St to Blakeslee St). Request of funds for planning pending. If approved planning scheduled for FY 2020-21, Engineering design FY 2021-22 with Construction FY 2022-23.

The DPW will provide update on any changes. Please find attached a graphical representation of the schedule referenced above.

Feel free to contact me at 860-584-6125 with any questions of concerns.

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